

VERVE

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OF JSSPS, AL SAFA, DUBAI**

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EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the 13th edition of VERVE! This month's edition of Verve depicts the spring season of May. We are extremely proud and happy to share some exciting events and programs that were conducted in our school, alongside few excellent contributions from parents and staff. This edition will update you on modern happenings and amuse you with games and riddles, book recommends for the young readers, May's Playlist for the music lovers, and a visual gallery in addition to exhibiting the capabilities of our faculty community to the world. We would like to thank CEO Sir, Mr. Govindrao Naik, our Principal Ms. Chitra Sharma, and Vice-Principal Ms. Bindhu Rajiv for their ongoing support in our endeavor. We will continue to give our best by enriching our content for your entertainment. You are welcome to share your contributions to Verve on or before the 20th of every month.

Sit back and enjoy this edition of VERVE! Do share in your comments and suggestions to vervejssps@gmail.com. Thank you all for your continued support!



A close-up photograph of a child's hands holding a vibrant bouquet of flowers. The bouquet includes several bright pink five-petaled flowers, clusters of orange and red flowers, and a central white flower with yellow centers. The child is wearing a light blue shirt and blue jeans. The background is a gravel path with scattered pink petals.

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International Family Day

Family is not an important thing, it is everything!
The tiny tots at JSSPS Kindergarten had an amazing time celebrating International Day of Families where they captured the amazing moments spent with their family and shared the same with their teachers and friends. This allowed them some quality time to strengthen bonds with their family members and know the importance of a family.



Kinder Club

JSSPS Kindergarten always strives to provide the best platform for learning and enhancing the creative skills of students. The newly launched Kinder Club is an initiative to help develop the innate talent of students and enrich the curriculum through various extra-curricular activities.



Healthy Food Week

JSSPS Kindergarten 1 celebrated Healthy Food Week in connection to their topic "Our Body".
During the week children explored different colors of fruits and vegetables and were made aware of healthy eating habits. Each day of the week was color-coded, and the students got different colored food items in their lunchboxes. The week cumulated with a creative activity wherein they created a Fruity/Veggie man using colorful fruits and vegetables.



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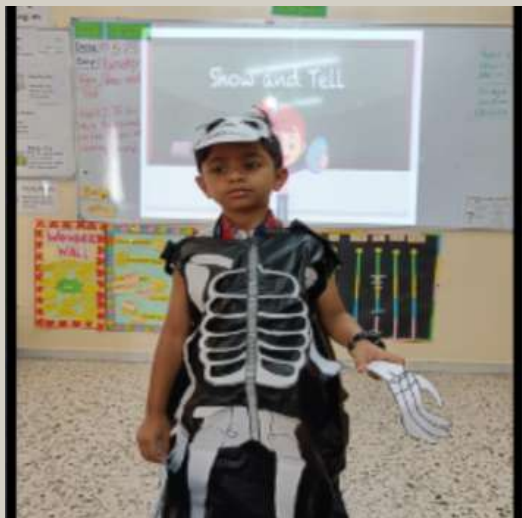
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Comic Book Day

Comic Book Day is celebrated on the 6th of May every year. JSSPS Kindergarten had an amazing time coloring comic book characters and writing comic strips. Comic books can be more fun and easier to read than regular books hence it was extremely appealing to young children who unleashed their imagination and creative writing skills on the strip and came out with amazing stories.



My Boney Friend

Kindergarten students are natural observers and with the engagement of a science-based activity such as skeletons, we had a lovely learning experience. The little inquisitors learned about the bones in their bodies and the actual uses of those bones. A Show & Tell was also conducted on the same where the students dressed up in skeletons. We saw a positive engagement among the students.



Mothers' Day

“Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.” Mothers are the most precious treasure. JSSPS Kindergarten took this wonderful opportunity to celebrate and surprise mothers. The little students took part in lovely art and craft activities and made their own cards for their lovely mothers.

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Assembly on Cleanliness & Hygiene

"Cleanliness is next to godliness"

The school clinic at JSSPS conducted an invigorating and informative session on cleanliness and hygiene. The young kindergartners realized the importance of self-care and hygiene by watching various short stories and songs on the topic. They enjoyed the informative yet interactive session by the school doctor.



Theme Celebration - KG2 - Friendship

The little explorers of Kindergarten 2 celebrated the joys of making and having friends in their theme celebration. They engaged in sharing and caring activities, exchange friendship bands with their little friends of KG1, and expressed their love through video messages for their best friend!



JSSPS Kinder Clinic

Pretending to be a medical professional is a favorite of all kids. A beautifully organized and literacy-rich JSSPS Kinder Clinic was set up for curious learners to explore and observe everything that happens in a clinic and get hands-on learning experience. It was a brilliant way to familiarize them with new vocabulary, devices, and instruments.



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MORNING CIRCLE TIME MAGIC!

As part of our daily routine, we kick-start our day with an incredible positive energizer activity! It's all about building a contagious wave of positivity that flows through each and every one of us, spreading joy and warmth to everyone around.

Our students embrace the power of positivity, cultivating it within themselves and radiating it to their peers and teachers alike! With each passing day, they strengthen their optimism, resilience, and belief in the incredible potential within each of them.



STONE AGE ARTIFACTS - LIFE IN THE STONE AGE-



Fifth-grade students created prehistoric Stone Age artifacts. They have learned to speculate about what life might have been like in the Stone Age through artifacts. They cherished the task, and learning was beneficial. Students understand what life might have been like in the Stone Age. After the activity, they were also asked to investigate how we have knowledge about the people from the Stone Age.

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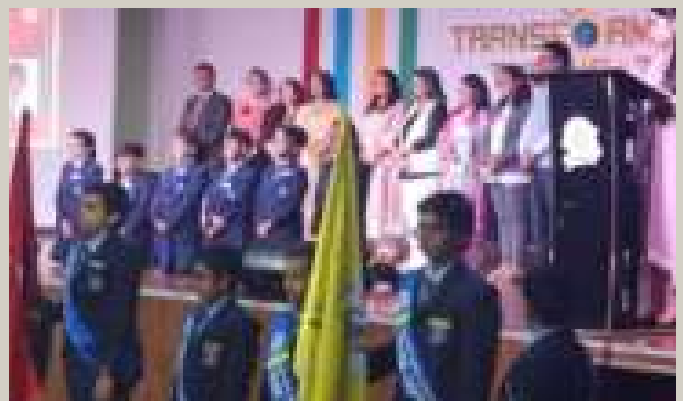
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Embracing Leadership, Shaping Futures!

On a remarkable Wednesday, the halls of JSSPS Primary School shone with pride and promise as we celebrated our prestigious Investiture Ceremony. It was a momentous occasion where our newly appointed Student Leaders, Committee Members, and Class Marshals of grades 1-5 were honored in the presence of our esteemed Principal, Vice Principal, Supervisors, and supportive parents. Our student leaders embody integrity, resilience, and the ability to inspire and guide their peers. They will serve as beacons of excellence, fostering a positive school environment and nurturing the growth and development of every student. Their appointment is a testament to their exceptional qualities and dedication to making a difference.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our newly appointed leaders and express our gratitude to the parents who have entrusted us with their children's education. Together, we will shape a future where our students embrace their leadership potential, ignite their passions, and become compassionate contributors to society



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Congratulations to grades 3E, 4D, and 5A!

The hard work and dedication of these incredible classes have earned them the prestigious title of the Best Class of the Month!

They have demonstrated exemplary behavior and become shining examples for their peers. Their commitment to learning, positive attitudes, and willingness to support one another have made a significant impact on their academic journey. They continue to aim high and dream big



International Mathematics Olympiad & National Cyber Olympiad

We are proud to share that our students have brought laurels to the school by bagging many medals in IMO and NCO exams conducted in the academic year 2022-2023. Kudos to the winners!



International Social Studies Olympiad.

We are proud to share that our students have brought laurels to the school by bagging many medals in ISSO exam conducted in the academic year 2022-2023. Kudos to the winners!





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GRADE 7 ASSEMBLY ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

'Life changes when we have the right tools and evolves and transforms when we put the same to right use'

Students of Grade 7 presented their assembly on Artificial Intelligence and its profound impact on humanity. The well organised assembly was informative and enlightening.



Lab Activities

'The most important source of knowledge is experience'

Middle school science dpt makes the process of acquiring knowledge fun through experiential learning. STEM lab activities and the in class activities designed by the creative Science Dpt, gives an opportunity for hands on learning. Thus, better than expected progress is visible in the lessons.



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JSS PREMIERE LEAGUE (JPL)

The most awaited JSS Premier League is back! The tournaments held in the course of 2 weeks was an exhibition of teamwork and sportsmanship. The sports involved were cricket, football, basketball, swimming, kho-kho, badminton, to name a few. The players under the guidance of the efficient PE teachers, gave a tough fight to each other in the much acclaimed celebration of sports.

Model Cop28

We cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it Today.'

When UAE is gearing up to host the UN Climate Change conference in November, we organised the JSSPS Model COP aiming at creating a deep awareness and understanding of this universal issue. From being ambassadors of various countries talking about combating climate change to designing an action plan and finally signing the JSSPS Pupils agreement, the middle school students were engaged in and experienced the real conference of parties. Our students have decided to be the eco warriors and taken the oath to contribute positively to becoming a climate neutral world.



JSSPS MODEL COP28



A close-up photograph of purple lilac flowers in the foreground, with a blurred city skyline at night in the background. The flowers are in sharp focus, showing their delicate petals and stamens. The city lights create a warm, golden glow behind the flowers.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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ECONOMICS SEMINAR

Students of Grades 11 and 12 of the Commerce stream attended an Economics Seminar on 19th May 2023 initiated by the Department of Commerce. The Seminar

was presided by the esteemed Chief guest, Ms. Kriti Chaturvedi who is a Marketing and Medical coordinator at MERCK, a pharmaceutical company. She has completed her Undergraduate at the London School of Economics and holds a B.Sc in Economics and Management. She completed the painstaking task of solving the queries of the students with efficient execution, providing her knowledge and experience in the field and imbuing the key information and tactics that can be used in future courses in Economics.

She also discussed topics of importance such as the Behavioral Economics study, Econometrics, and states their inter-relatedness to other fields. She explained the current trends and the latest technological innovations that help the country's economy. In addition, she held a debate, providing groups of students to speak on the various factors that affect the Country's economy from news articles. At the end of the session, she enlightened students with suitable and successful career choices related to the field and portrayed the co-relation of Economics to other areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Marketing, Business, and the Finance Sector.

She concluded the session by hosting another Crypto Game, analyzing what they have learned, and ending the session with a fun time.



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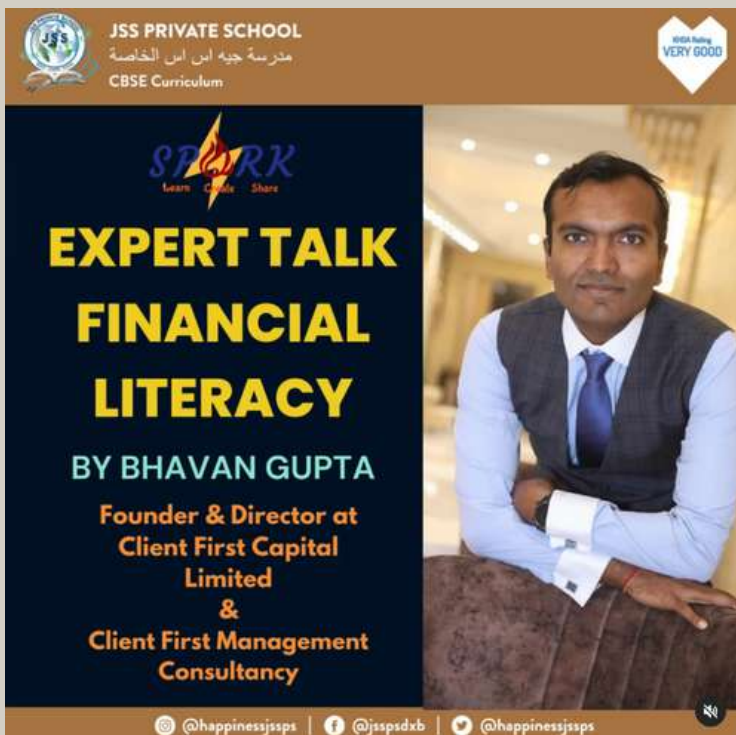
PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE

JSSPS Students from Grades 11 and 12 attended the second PsychED Psychology Conference School Edition on the 3rd and 4th of May at Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Dubai.

JSSPS is the proud recipient of the Overall Champions Trophy and students received recognition and scholarships. A big shout out to the students and the teachers.



EXPERT TALK: FINANCIAL LITERACY



A fascinating and educational seminar on financial literacy was held by the JSSPS SPARK entrepreneur club on 12th May 2023.

Mr. Bhuvan Gupta, portfolio manager and general partner of Client First Capital, conducted an interesting and educational session.

His advice on saving and spending money wisely was invaluable to students. In the course of context, the students eagerly awaited the Q&A session and there was a lot of enthusiasm among the students when they asked their questions.

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INVESTITURE CEREMONY

One of the main events of this month was the Investiture Ceremony, which was held on the 1st of May. The main objective of this event is to provide the student body with a variety of opportunities to develop and grow, equipping them with skills and qualities, and shaping them into responsible citizens and inspiring leaders of tomorrow. The acknowledgment of the capabilities of the leaders in

this year's student council as well as taking the oath of honor ensures that the students are aware of the responsibilities and duties expected of them to fulfill and that a strong connection is established between the leaders and students. Each one of us grows continuously as we take on challenges that extend all aspects of our capabilities such as decision-making and standing up for our beliefs.

Leadership is one such challenge where we influence others to make better decisions and not make the decisions for them. Leaders bring out the leadership in every individual instead of creating followers for themselves. These young and developing leaders will shape the future, making the world a better place to live.



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NIMS MUN 2023



The students of JSS Private School had the opportunity of attending the NIMSMUN 2023. It was a great experience discussing and debating various topics during the 3 day event. They had the opportunity to be placed in different UN committees and debate on major world affairs. The JSS private school students won various awards in this MUN including the best delegate award to Shreya, Manya Gupta, Naysah and Anusri and the honorable mention to Shreya Kothari. Dhanvi from class 10E secured the secretary general's best delegate and got awarded an Official UN Badge. Kudos to our Students!!



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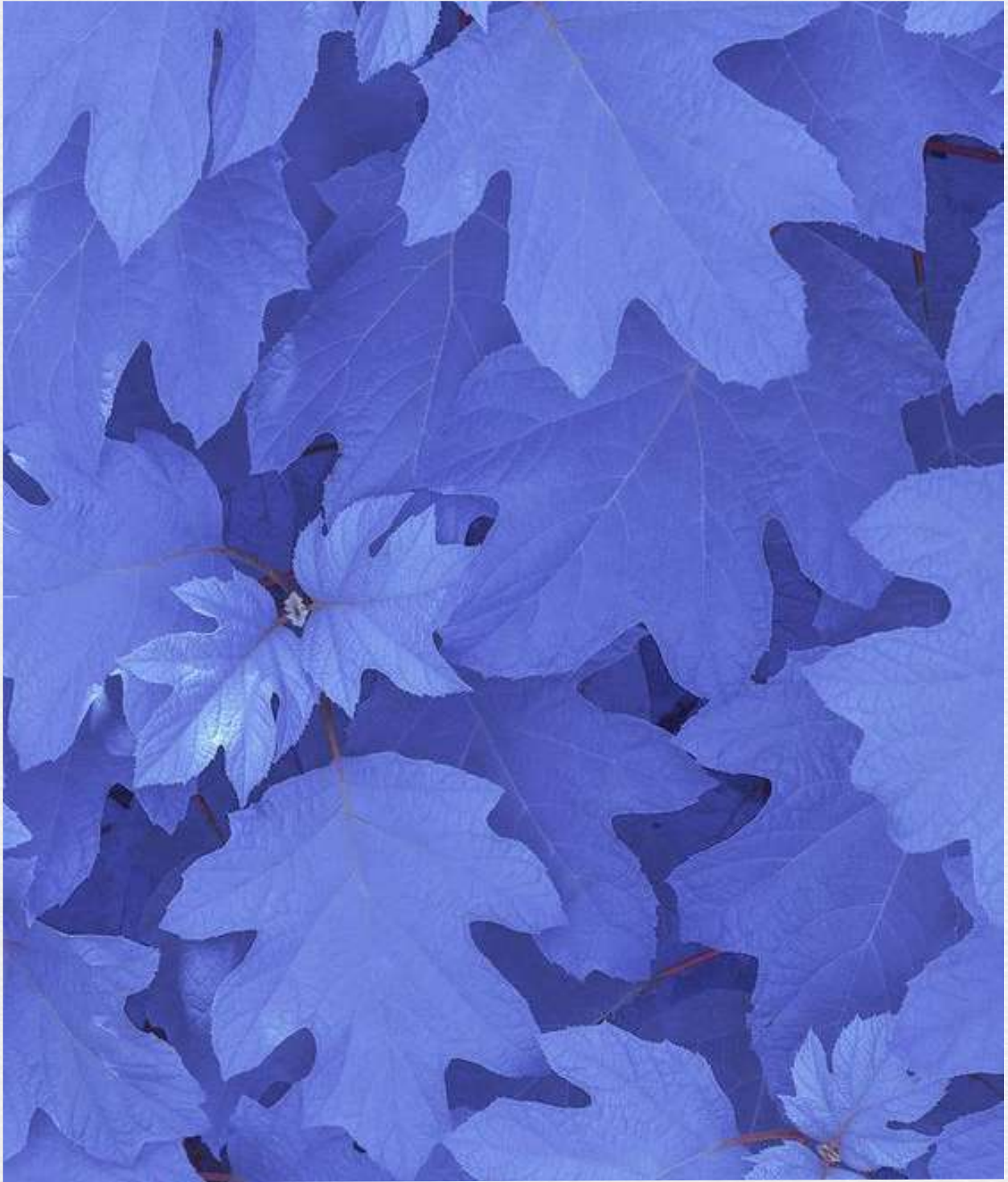
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VIOLET VENTURES

The JSSPS students Laiba Maqbool, Gayathri J.S and Yuvika Verma were honored to be part of the Violet Ventures Changemakers student-sponsored program aiming to make the UAE a hub for budding entrepreneurs and startups at NYU Abu Dhabi. In this prestigious program, our students had the opportunity to network with top founders and successful startup owners. Their guidance helped students develop ideation into reality, network effectively, craft winning pitches, and unlock their brand. This gave them the opportunity to dive into hypothetical entrepreneurial scenarios, navigating the world of entrepreneurship as students.



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TechConnect 2.0 Competition Report!

Very proud to announce our JSSites bagged the 2 main categories out of 4 in Techconnect 2.0 competition hosted by JSS International School.

Techconnect 2.0 provided a platform for young participants to showcase their technological skills and creativity. **Adharv Arun** of Grade 8 won 1st place in the Web Designing category and **Samvrut Bhat** of Grade 4 got 2nd place achievement in the App Lab category and exemplify their exceptional talents and dedication to their respective fields.



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READING CHAMPION

Congratulations to the reading champions for the month of May! Your love for reading and thirst for knowledge inspires others to follow in your footsteps. Keep up the good work, and remember that reading is an essential skill for success in life. Well done, champs!

Kindergarten Champions:

Reading Champion	
Class / Section	Month of May
KG 1A	Devesh Yoganandham
KG 1B	Dhrisha Ayare
KG 1C	Nabil Ali
KG 1D	Reyansh
KG 1E	Yuvaan Deshmukh
KG 1F	Avik Modi
KG 2A	Krishiv Sen
KG 2B	Amay Dileep
KG 2C	Shivansh Singh
KG 2D	Hetansh Hemant Jain
KG 2E	Dhruv Joshi
KG 2F	Ayushman Kahali

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Grades 1-3 Champions:

1A	Thanmaya Bhaskar
1B	<i>Ramkarthik Ramanarayanan</i>
1C	Samridh Koul
1D	Nia Juneja
1E	Aarav Chirag Gandhi
1F	Sahib Kohli
2A	Ishan Apte
2B	Ayeshaa Siddiqui
2C	Shrihari Venkatakrishnan
2D	Niralya Anbarasan
2E	Advaith Sharma
3A	Addhidev Anoop
3B	Myra Micky Dsilva
3C	Shreeji Gotecha
3D	Isabella Bijo Manadan
3E	Vedika Nikhil Nair
3F	Ethan Joby Varghese
3G	Joshua Dsouza

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Grades 4&5 Champions:

4A	Aashvi Vats
4B	Aditi Dantur
4C-	Garvit Kaloya
4D	Anadyant Dubey
4E	Vincent Acacio
4F	Aadya Arun Kondath
4G	Snithik Srikar Bollavathani
5A	Achinthya Rao
5B	Pranav Udupa
5C	Prishita Mathur
5D	Urmila Rao
5E	Parv Gidiya
5F	Anyaa Pradip
5G	Ritvik Arunkumar

6A	Daniel Paulson
6B	Sahithi Reddy Obulareddy
6C	Grace Bijo M
6D	Bhakti
6E	Mysha Sadaf, Gurnoor Kaur
6F	Jessica
7A	Samarth Harsha Pujar
7B	Avaneesh Ritesh
7C	Siddharth Agarwal
7D	Vishruth Prasanth
8A	Trusha Sagar
8B	Nayan Kapoor
8C	Sharanya Shetty
8D	Sreya Kaimal
8E	Swayam Visal S
8F	Aradhana Rajaram

Grades 6-8 Champions:

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Grades 9-12 Champions:

9A	Mahira
9B	Gayatri Maniksha Parsekar
9C	Isabel Ann
9D	Saniya Abdul Rehan
9E	Prabesh Nepali
10A	Afshan Seher
10B	Sahasra
10C	Haya Habeebu
10D	Aum Sachin Tere
10E	Hana Sabira
11A	Anagha Jayaram
11B	Rishit
11C	Tiya Joby
11D	Nicole Irene Dcosta
11E	Krithika Siddem
12A	Akash Ajin
12B	Heba Jahan
12C	Sanika
12D	Aashika Gurumurthy
12E	Manishta

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We are incredibly proud of Kannan's achievement in APEX swimming competition!

He Won one gold in 100m freestyle, one silver in 100 backstroke ,won 2 bronze in 50m freestyle and backstroke. Kudos to Kannan and wishing him luck more such credentials in the future!



JSSPS PREFECTORIAL BOARD

2023-24

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



HEADBOY

Akash Ajin Thomas

I am Akash Ajin and As the Head Boy of JSS Private School, I am dedicated to fostering a positive and inclusive school environment. I actively engage in initiatives that enhance student welfare, encourage extracurricular participation, and facilitate open communication between students and faculty. When I'm not fulfilling my responsibilities, you can often find me pursuing my hobbies. I love playing badminton (although I'm bad at it), watching movies, and traveling. With a diverse range of interests and a drive to make a difference, I am honored to represent JSS Private School and contribute to the overall growth and success of our student body.



HEADGIRL

Laiba Maqbool

Hi! Im Laiba Maqbool, newly elected Head girl for the year 2023-24 and It is with immense joy and gratitude that I take up this role. I am truly honored and humbled by your trust and support.

In this role, my primary goal is to foster a warm and inclusive environment for all of us Together let's celebrate our unique talents, embrace diversity, and encourage one another to reach new heights. Collectively, we can create a school community that thrives on collaboration, kindness, and a shared passion for learning.

I am here to listen, support, and champion your needs. Feel free to approach me with any ideas or concerns. Together, let's make this year one to remember!



DEPUTY HEADBOY

Ranbir Singh

Greetings to the ebullient JSS family from Ranbir Singh the deputy head boy from Grade 11 A.

As the deputy head boy, I look forward to contribute in every possible way to enhance the academic as well as co-curricular arenas that the school has designed in order to radiate to the students and have them blossomed to the fullest. As an individual I can vouch on being dedicated, diligent, versatile and passionate about my responsibilities which ever I shoulder. I profoundly recall the adage 'work is worship' and this works as 'duty is worship' in my portfolio.

As our school vision reads -To Provide Stimulating World-Class Education for Life and the Mission of our school reads-

Seek, Learn, excel is our school motto, which has helped us in our drive towards 'achieving excellence' and has also kept us students so confident that we are bound to but only grow to our best version in our journey in the school.

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. —John Maxwell. I have seen these traits in my leaders here and have an inclination and a desire to follow their footsteps to excel in life.



DEPUTY HEADGIRL

Rhea Johnson

To all my fellow JSSites,

I am Rhea Johnson, the deputy head girl and a student of grade 11.

As the deputy head girl, firstly I consider it an honour to hold this position. I have been a part of the JSSPS family for the last 9 years and for me, school is 'home away from home.' I have a clear vision and high ambitions to lead our school to greater heights, with your support. As a leader and a representative, I am deeply passionate and dedicated to bringing a positive outlook to our school community. I believe that I can inspire others to reach their full potential and navigate through uncertainty. Together let us embrace innovation, encourage new ideas and foster a growth mindset in our school fraternity.

Lastly, I strongly believe that leadership is a continuous journey of growth and self reflection. Together, let us culture a strong, positive and resilient school community.



SPORTS CAPTAIN - GIRL

Harsheeta Bharanidharan

Hello everyone! My name is Harsheeta Bharanidharan and I'm very honoured to serve as the Sports Captain for the year 2023-24. Being deeply involved with the sports community, including being a national level swimmer, I aim to uphold the influence of sports in the school and create an inclusive society. Sports has always had a special place in my heart, and it is very important that one must inculcate the true essence of sportsmanship. Thank you so much for trusting me with this leadership role and I promise to never let you down. Cheers to another successful year!



SPORTS CAPTAIN - BOY

Ronak Pai

Sports is a way of life, it's something that unites nations, people, and communities. I, Ronak your sports captain for the year 2023-2024 am glad to have been allowed to represent our school and take it to greater heights! I have been playing sports from a very young age and it's something I have been able to connect to very easily. We the sports council have a lot of exciting events planned throughout the year and I promise you it will be a fun and productive year.



DEPUTY SPORTS

CAPTAIN - GIRL

Maithili Gadekar

Hello JSS !, this is your deputy sports captain girl, Maithili Gadekar of class 11 E. I've been in this school for over a decade, and I've been through quite the experience. This school is like a second home to me. From sports to art, this school has given me so many opportunities to bring myself forward. I've been a sports enthusiast since I was a child and have participated in a variety of sports throughout my life. From track and field to basketball, I've always taken part in every sporting event the school has offered. I'm a sociable and optimistic person, and I'll always be available to assist you anytime you need it. I am also a really creative person who enjoys problem-solving. Art is my passion, and I like doing it in my spare time. I'm a "teamwork makes the dream work" kinda person, as I believe that teamwork improves efficiency and productivity. I'm self-assured in whatever I do, and I never let failure get me down. I want to thank you all for giving me the chance to prove myself as the leader you all deserve.



DEPUTY SPORTS

CAPTAIN - BOY

Aadi Kodagali

Sports is what unites us and is the one thing that relieves us from academic pressure. I, Aadi Kodagali, consider it an honour to hold this position of deputy sports captain for the year 2023-24. I've been fortunate to represent this school in my most passionate choice of sport, football, for 7 years. It has taught me numerous skills like leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork and most importantly discipline. All of which I plan to implement now that I have received the post. I will try my best to come up with entertaining events and to increase the influence of sports in JSS and most importantly include everyone. I thank you all for giving me a chance to be your leader.



FALCONS

Hello everyone!

I'm Kripa Nihalani of grade 12C, house captain of Falcons. I am truly grateful for being entitled with this post and consider it an honor that I have been entrusted with this title. I consider myself to be a diligent and enthusiastic person and possess a strong sense of responsibility and I am dedicated to fostering a positive and inclusive environment within the school. As a house captain, I will lead by example, showing integrity, empathy, and respect towards my peers. I am an avid listener and will give utmost priority to the concerns and ideas of my house members, ensuring that everyone feels heard and valued. I will encourage teamwork, promote healthy competition, and foster a sense of unity and pride among my house members. I'll be a reliable liaison between the students and the school administration and be a responsible, enthusiastic, and inclusive leader who inspires their house members, promotes a positive environment, and represents their house with pride and integrity. I will work for the best of everyone's interest and make this year a memorable one!

GO FALCONS!

Greetings JSS family, my name is Shaivi Bhatt from Grade 11 B. Since childhood, I have been brought up in the JSSPS environment alongside all teachers carving students, what more than this affection?

As a vice-captain of Falcons, I can strongly say that: I am creative and passionate about my work. I am always looking for new ways to express myself and I strive to create the best work possible. I am driven by my desire to design something meaningful and unique. Working in a team is what makes all of us great regenerative leaders. I have achieved quite a lot in my life all with the branch support of school and peers. Positive, candid, responsible, and social are some of the characteristics I possess. As a result of my thinking analysis, I am confident that I will be able to convince people with my arguments. I take initiative whenever any situation arises and come off with flying colors. Award accolades, clubs, and initiatives if we think with faith our school had, has, and will provide us students with all opportunities.

As our school motto itself conveys, your journey in life will consist of LEARN phase, SEEK phase, & EXCEL phase. "The greatness of a leader is measured by the achievements of the led".

KRIPA NIHALANI

Falcons House Captain



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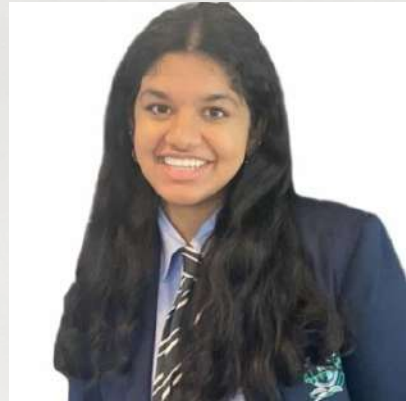
Falcons Vice Captain



FLAMINGOES

Hello everyone! I'm Tejasvi, the newly appointed House Captain of Flamingo House and I am thrilled to embark on this journey of leadership. My primary goal is to foster a sense of unity and motivation among my fellow housemates, encouraging them to strive for excellence. I'm extremely extroverted and open to new ideas. My hobbies include art, dance, music, reading and being extremely funny. I'm so excited to be part of this incredible group of student leaders and together, we will soar as a team and leave an indelible mark on Flamingo House's legacy.

TEJASVI MADHUMOHAN
Flamingoes House Captain

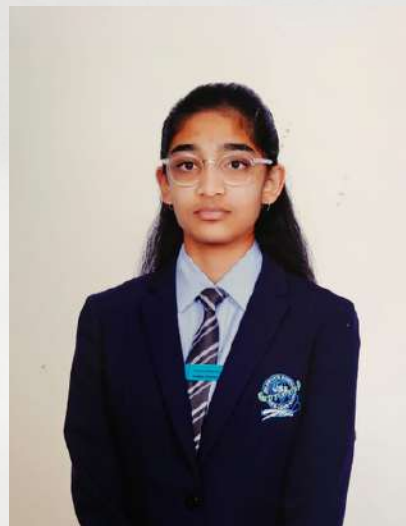


Hello there! I am Anagha Jayaram, a grade 11-A student at the JSS Private School for the past 11 years. I am an industrious, enthusiastic, and pleasant person with a wide range of academic and extracurricular interests. I enjoy learning Science, Mathematics, and English, and my favorite sport is badminton.

I believe in grasping every chance that life presents, and thus I see our student council as an excellent platform for exploring leadership. I've served as the ambassador of the Editorial and Happiness Committees, as well as the Class Marshal previously. This year, I have been appointed as the House Vice Captain representing the Flamingoes.

Thank you.

ANAGHA JAYARAM
Flamingoes Vice Captain



HORNBILLS

I'm Sukhmani Sehra, the house captain for the hornbills, and I'm in grade 12 D. I wish for everyone to remember this year. I want to function as a liaison between teachers and pupils, keeping in mind inclusivity and awareness, which are the two most crucial factors. In addition to making sure that the students are disciplined, I also want to lighten the load on our teachers.

SUKHMANI SEHRA
Hornbills House Captain



My name is Mehek Sawhney and this year I have been lucky to get the post of House Vice Captain for the Hornbills House. Over the years, I have contributed to several leadership roles and this year it gives me great honor to contribute to bringing glory to my house.

Houses form the crux of our school. They strengthen the competitive spirit within and encourage us to do better and better.

As the house vice captain of the Hornbills house, I aim to push through and bring out the best from our house this year and put our best foot forward in every competition.

MEHEK SAWHNEY
Hornbills Vice Captain



MACAWS

Hey everyone, I'm Amit, and I'm thrilled to be the newly elected House Captain of Macaws. My primary goal this year is to empower each and everyone of you to ignite sparks of achievement and collectively help Macaws reach new heights. In my free time, I pursue hobbies such as dancing, art, and public speaking. Being a part of the student council is an incredible honor, and I am determined to use my post to introduce diverse initiatives for all houses to participate in. I encourage you to approach me with any feedback or ideas you may have.

AMIT SIDHARTH

Macaws House Captain



Hi! My name is Sidhi Sreejith and I am a Grade 11 Science student, here at JSSPS. Hailing from Kerala, I graced this beautiful planet in 2006 and moved to UAE when I was four. I joined JSSPS in the year 2011, spending more than a decade as a student here. As an individual, I have improved and evolved from a shy kindergarten student to a passionate and confident sixteen-year-old. The school has given me many opportunities to explore various things and discover my hidden talents. I have been part of the student council for five years and am currently the Vice Captain for Macaws house. As a leader and Vice-Captain, I have many initiatives planned out and I hope to execute them and make this academic year a memorable one. Apart from council duties, I have taken part in various events and competition. I won 2nd Runners Up at the Royal Spelling Bee competition in 2017 and even participated at the National Level. I love trying out multiple things, which is why I have a lot of fun hobbies. I love to dance, training in Bollywood Dance for three years and Bharatanatyam for two. I also played the guitar for a year and still continue to have fun filled jam sessions with family and friends. Reading has been an engaging activity and I love to write poetry and stories in my free time.

SIDHI SREEJITH

Macaws Vice Captain

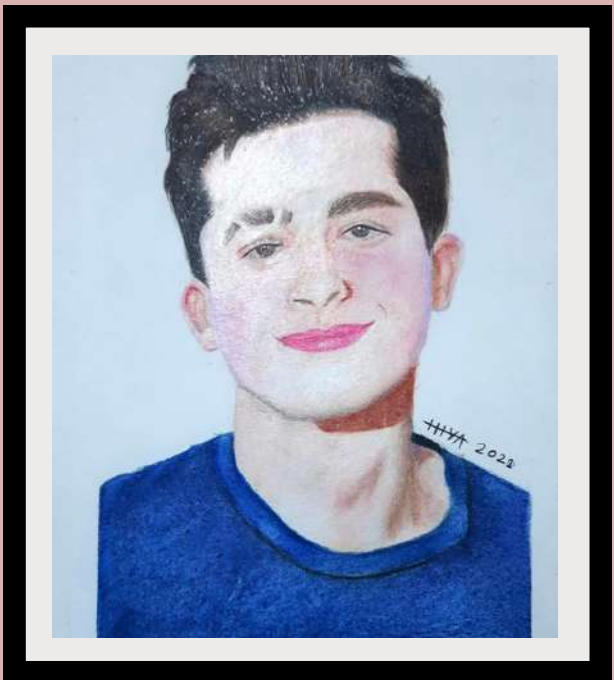


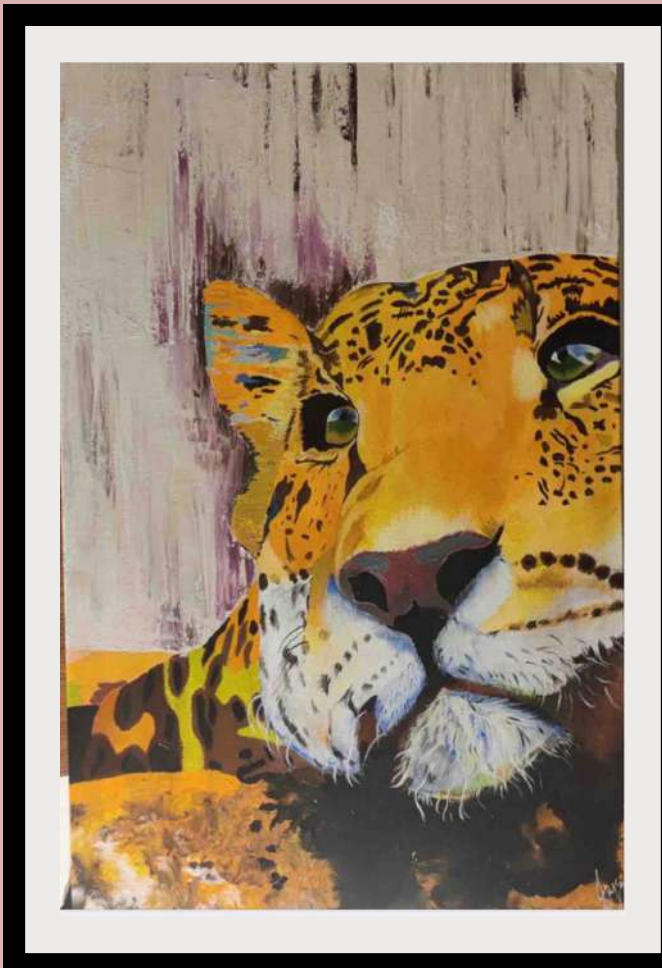
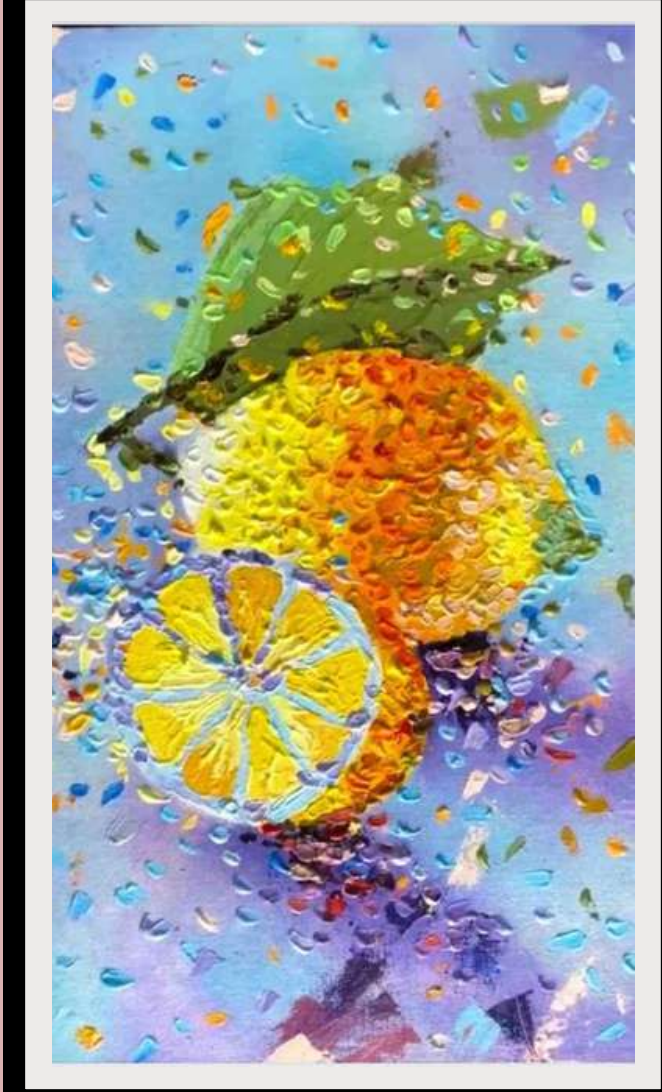


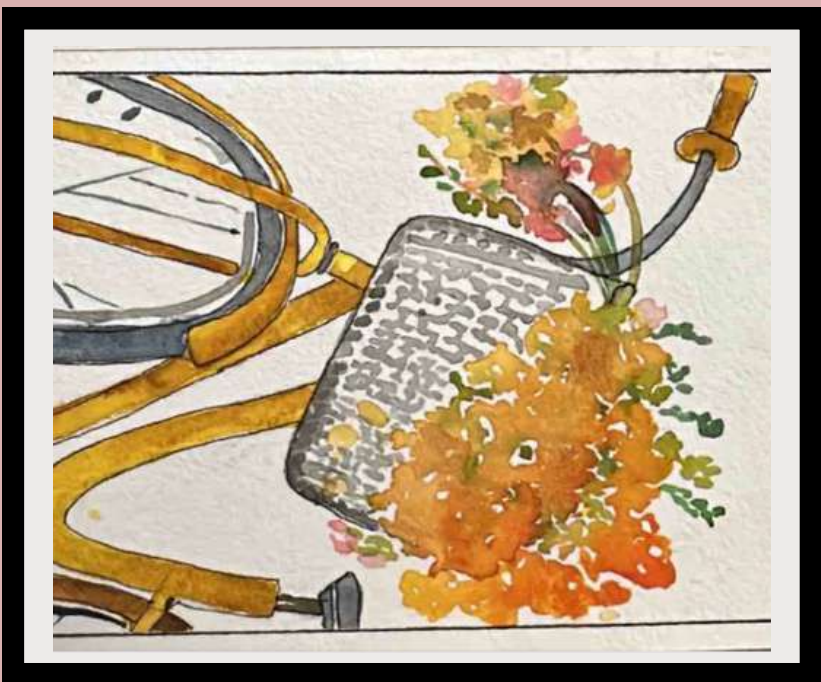
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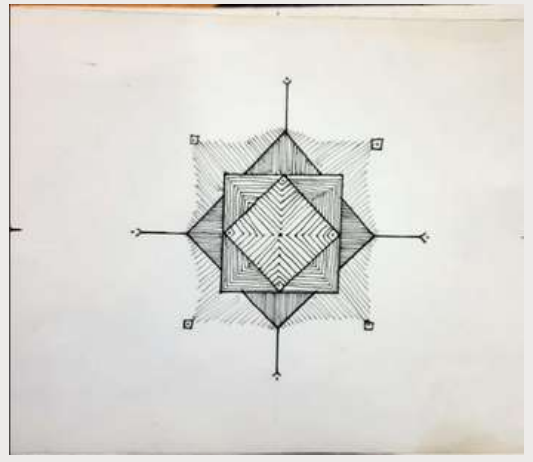
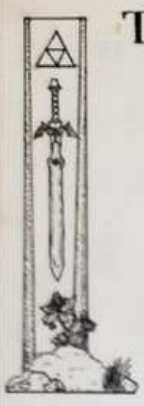








The Princess and her Knight



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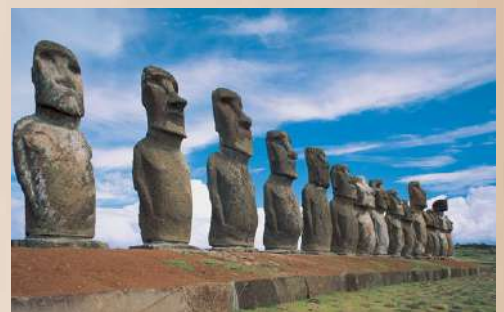
1) **Ayers Rock** in Australia is the largest rock in the world. It is a great example of a natural feature called inselberg.

2) The world's longest railway journey is from Moscow to Vladivostok on the **Trans-Siberian** line. It covers a distance of 9,300 km in nearly 6 days and 13 hours.

3) The African name for Victoria Falls is '**Mosi-oa-tunya**' which means 'smoke that thunders'.

4) **Easter Island** is a small volcanic island in the Pacific, which belongs to Chile. It is famous for its huge statues of human heads, which were carved by Polynesians over a thousand years ago.

5) **Ibuki**, meaning 'breath' is the name of the satellite which was successfully launched by Japan which will **monitor greenhouse gas emissions**. It's the world's first such satellite.



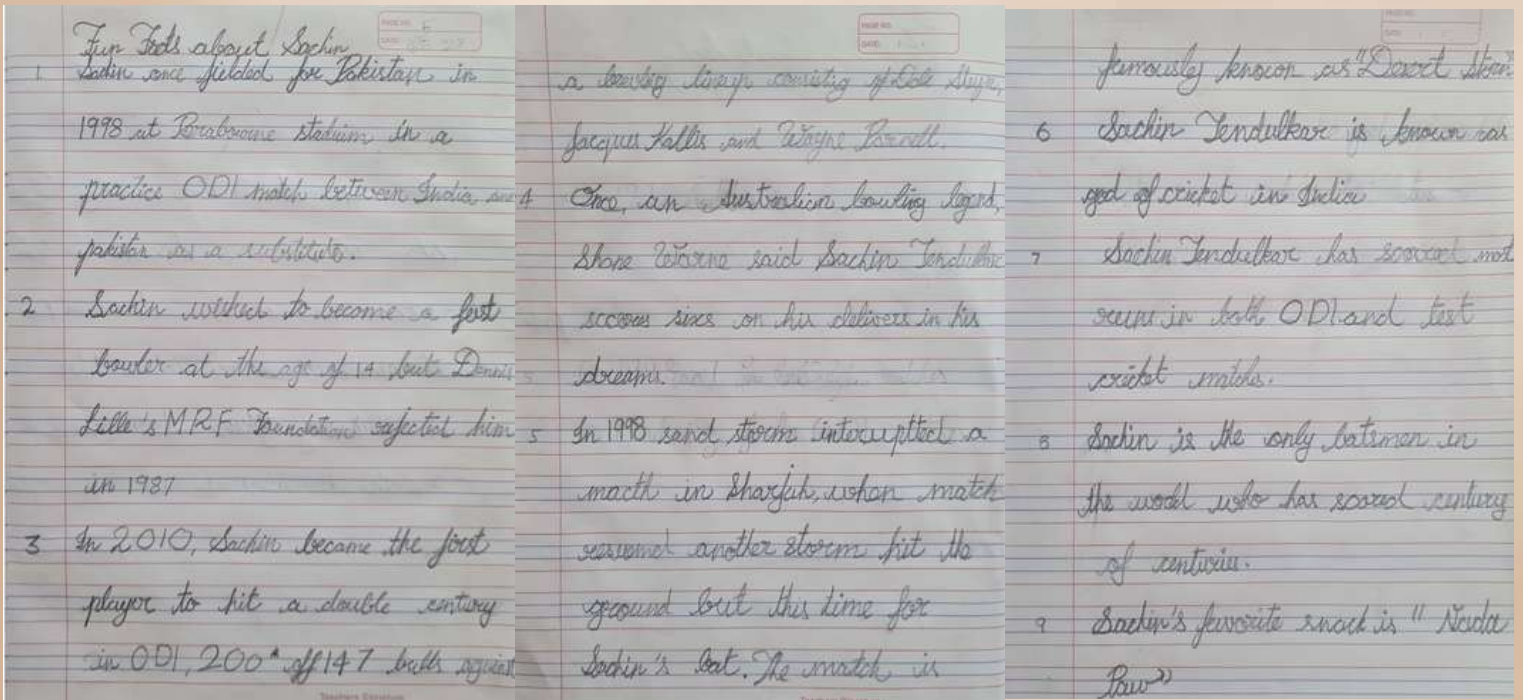
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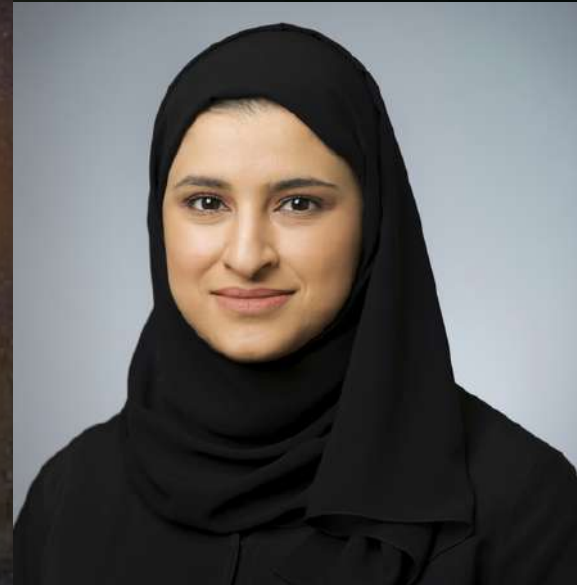
UAE SPACE AGENCY PARTNERS WITH PLANET LABS TO BUILD SATELLITE DATA-DRIVEN LOSS AND DAMAGE ATLAS FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE

In efforts towards bolstering resilience against the impacts of climate change, the UAE Space Agency has forged a collaboration with Planet Labs, a pioneer in Earth data and insights.

This partnership aims to construct an innovative loss and damage atlas, driven by satellite data, that will empower nations to confront the challenges posed by a changing climate. Furthermore, it resonates with the UAE's commitment as it prepares to host the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28).

The event, scheduled from November 30 to December 12, 2023, will gather global leaders in Expo City Dubai to deliberate on crucial climate issues.

The establishment of a Loss and Damage Fund was the highlight of the COP27 and the culmination of decades of pressure from climate-vulnerable developing countries. The fund aims to provide financial assistance to nations most vulnerable and impacted by the effects of climate change.



WMO APPROVES GLOBAL TRACKER FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The Importance of the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch :

- Filling information gaps and providing an integrated framework
- Unifying surface-based and space-based observations, modeling, and data assimilation



The World Meteorological Congress has made a groundbreaking decision to approve a new greenhouse gas (GHG) monitoring initiative, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This initiative aims to support urgent action in reducing heat-trapping gases that contribute to rising global temperatures. The newly established Global Greenhouse Gas Watch will address critical information gaps, modeling capabilities, and data assimilation under one comprehensive framework. The unanimous support from WMO's 193 members highlights the growing importance of greenhouse gas monitoring and the need to strengthen the scientific foundation for climate change mitigation efforts.



INDIAN BANKS START EXCHANGING WITHDRAWN 2,000-RUPEE NOTES

Indians are exchanging 2,000-rupee notes at banks as the country aims to withdraw the currency from circulation.

The note was introduced in 2016 after the Indian government withdrew 500 and 1,000 rupee notes.

PM Narendra Modi's decision was seen as an attempt to curb black money, but opposition parties say it failed to achieved its goal.

The notes can be exchanged until 30 September.

India's central bank on Friday said that though 2,000-rupee notes - India's highest denomination currency note - would be removed from circulation, they would still be legal.

This means that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) wants most such notes to be exchanged or deposited into banks by 30 September and gradually removed from circulation. But they don't lose their legal status, allowing people to use them for transactions even after the deadline.

Banks have also been told to not issue 2,000-rupee notes. They have been asked to add more staff and counters to deal with an anticipated high volume of transactions.





SPORTS NEWS

MAY 2023

CHELSEA WINS WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE FOR 4TH STRAIGHT YEAR

Chelsea secured its fourth straight Women's Super League by beating Reading 3-0 on Saturday to wrap up the double in style.



The breakthrough came in the 18th minute through Kerr, who picked up a pocket of space inside the box before heading Reiten's cross past goalkeeper Grace Moloney to make it 1-0.

Having beaten Manchester United in the FA Cup final this month, Chelsea eased past Reading with goals from Guro Reiten and a Sam Kerr double.



Reiten added the second after 42 minutes when she pounced on a loose ball in the Moloney before producing a composed finish.

The Blues' recent dominance shone through as their hosts failed to deal with the attacking talent of Emma Hayes' side, which finished the season on a seven-game league winning run.



Chelsea enjoyed long periods of possession after the break and Kerr's efforts paid off in the 88th minute. The captain was slipped through on goal and her first effort came back off the post but she was first to react to claim a simple tap-in and round off the victory.

IPL FINAL WINNER 2023: CSK WIN 5TH IPL TITLE AS JADEJA SEALS LAST-OVER CHASE IN RAIN- MARRED FINAL

In the end, past the endless rain delays, past Sai Sudharsan's excellent 96 for Gujarat Titans, past the canny band of GT bowlers who tried their best in the wet conditions, past the formidable 171-run target in a truncated 17 overs, it was Ravindra Jadeja who ensured that MS Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings were crowned IPL champions for the fifth time after a nerve-wracking five-wicket win off the last ball. With 13 to get off the last six balls and 10 off the last two, Jadeja latched on to a Mohit Sharma yorker and sent it soaring over long-on for six. Last ball, four to win, and Mohit's nerves failed him as he strayed down leg. Jadeja simply guided it to the fine leg fence and ran into the arms of his delirious teammates. CSK captain MS Dhoni, though, sat calmly with eyes closed in the dugout..





ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

MAY 2023

TAYLOR SWIFT ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF SPEAK NOW (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

On a determined path to owning all her masters, *Speak now (Taylor's version)*, out July 7th, is the star's latest re-recording since 2021's *Red (Taylor's version)*.

On May 5th, sparks were flying at her Nashville show at Nissan Stadium when she announced *Speak Now (Taylor's Version)* and lit up the stadium purple to match the album.



Taking the stage alone for her solo songs, Swift, 33, admitted, "There's a different reason that I'm really excited about this part of the set tonight. Because I've been planning something for a while."

She continued, "You know how I love to plan things, and how I love to surprise you with the things I plan. It's my love language with you — I plot, I scheme, I plan and I get to tell you about it. If you would direct your attention to the back big screen..."

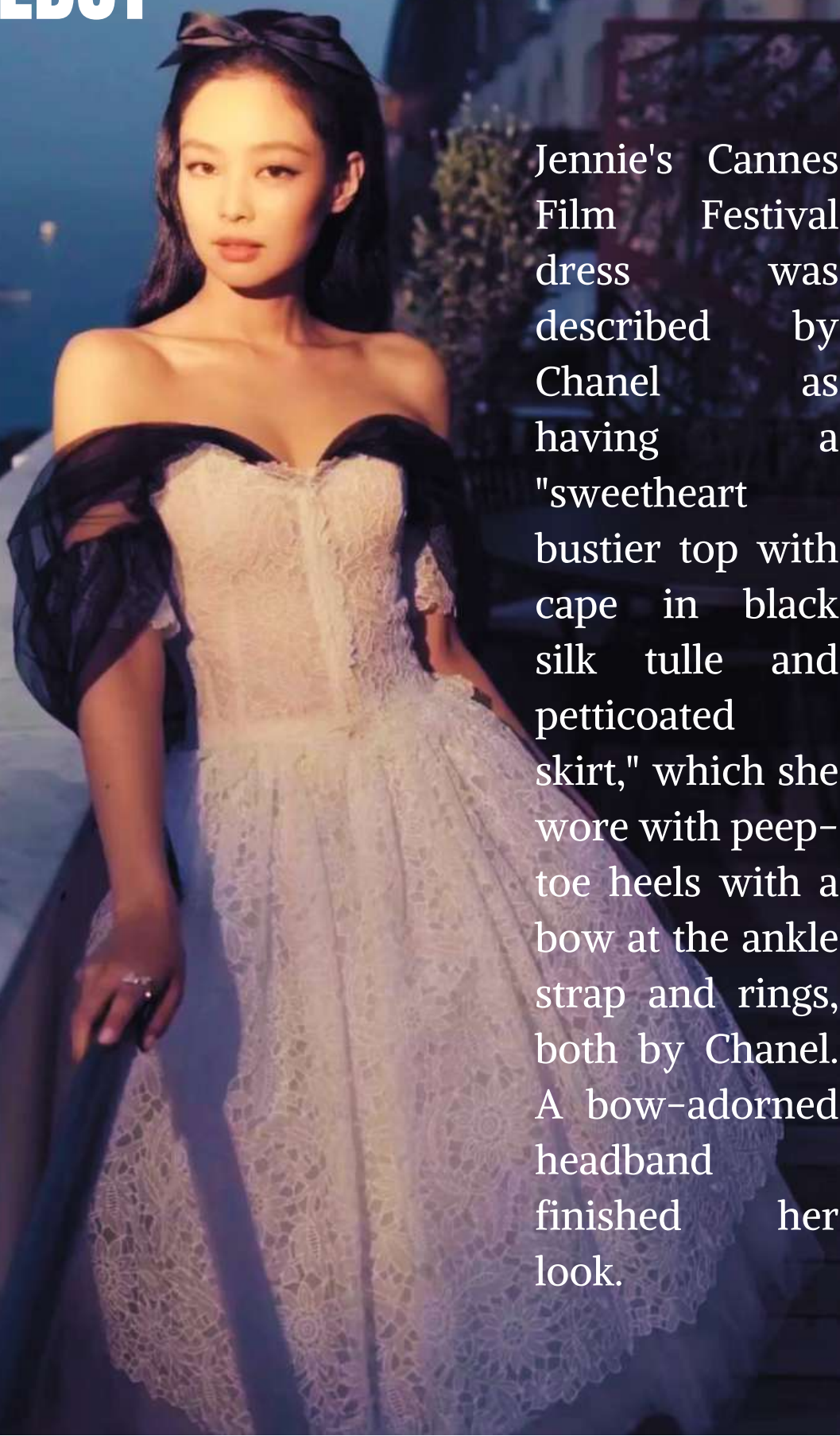
The new cover of '*Speak Now*' then appeared, additionally captioned with *(Taylor's Version)* and the release date — July 7, 2023.

Swift then went into one of the album's hits, "Sparks Fly."

JENNIE KIM EMBRACES OLD "HOLLYWOOD STYLE" FOR HER CANNES DEBUT

Jennie Kim was a showstopper at the premiere of *The Idol* at the Cannes Film Festival.

The 27-year-old singer, who makes her acting debut in the HBO original series, looked gorgeous as she hit the red carpet in a mid-length white Chanel dress.



Jennie's Cannes Film Festival dress was described by Chanel as having a "sweetheart bustier top with cape in black silk tulle and petticoated skirt," which she wore with peep-toe heels with a bow at the ankle strap and rings, both by Chanel. A bow-adorned headband finished her look.

GOLDEN GLOBES 2023: VICTORY FOR BLACK DISABLED COMMUNITY WITH TYLER JAMES WILLIAMS' WIN

It's been a pretty interesting week for all the movie buffs out there as the Golden Globe Awards are announced. It's literally all that we've been thinking, reading, and breathing. Just as this annual celebration of international cinema has caught everyone's attention sending all of us in a celebratory mood, it has been yet another win for the international disability community.



The 80th Golden Globe Awards which took place on January 10 in California this year saw Tyler James Williams bag the award for Best Supporting Actor for his work in *Abbott Elementary*, beating John Lithgow, Jonathan Pryce, John Turturro, and Henry Winkler. Created by Quinta Brunson, *Abbott Elementary* is a documentary television series about the lives of educators in an elementary school of the same name. In this, Williams essayed the role of Gregory Eddie, a first-grade substitute teacher.



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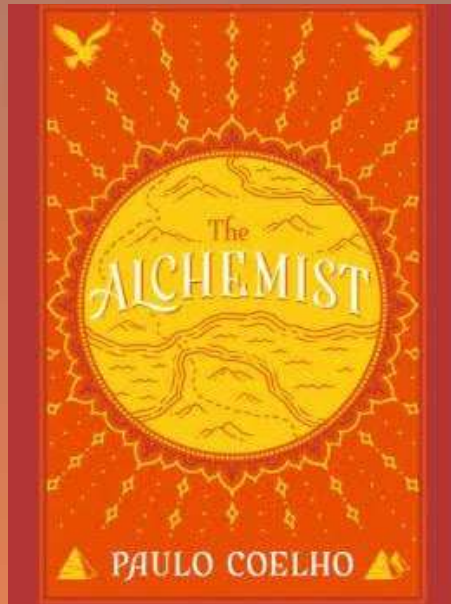
MUST READ BOOKS!



GENRE: Fantasy Fiction

AGE RATING: 13 and Up

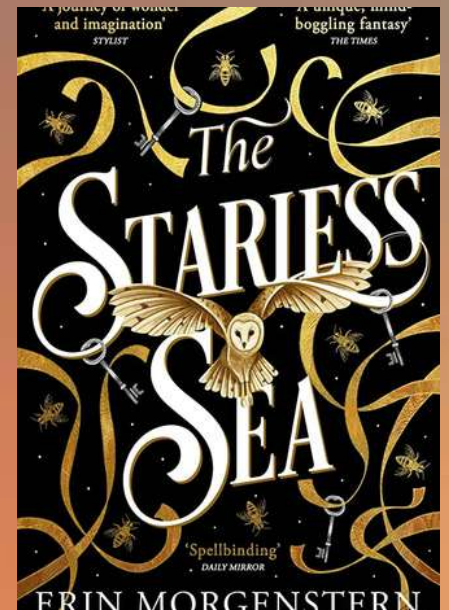
DESCRIPTION: The novel follows main character, Ning, the daughter of a Shennong-shi (master of the magical art of tea-making), who is seeking to find an antidote to save her sister who has been poisoned by tea that has already killed their mother.



GENRE: Drama and Adventure Fiction

AGE RATING: 11 and Up

DESCRIPTION: The Alchemist is a classic novel in which a boy named Santiago embarks on a journey seeking treasure in the Egyptian pyramids after having a recurring dream about it and on the way meets mentors, falls in love, and most importantly, learns the true importance of who he is and how to improve himself.



GENRE: Fantasy Fiction and Romance Novel

AGE RATING: 13 and Up

DESCRIPTION: Zachary Ezra Rawlins is a graduate student in Vermont when he discovers a mysterious book hidden in the stacks. As he turns the pages, entranced by tales of lovelorn prisoners, key collectors, and nameless acolytes, he reads something strange: a story from his own childhood.



GENRE: Children's Fiction, Friendship, Self-Acceptance

AGE RATING: 8 and Up

DESCRIPTION: August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a severe facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, Auggie wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past his extraordinary face.

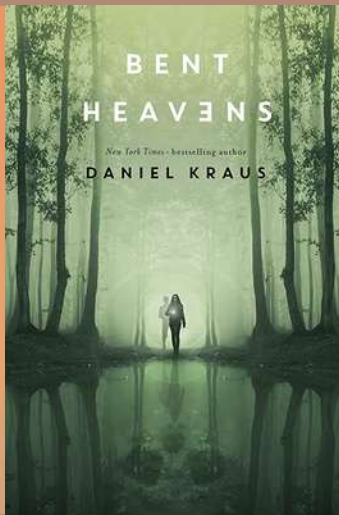




GENRE: Mystery and Teen Fiction

AGE RATING: 15 and Up

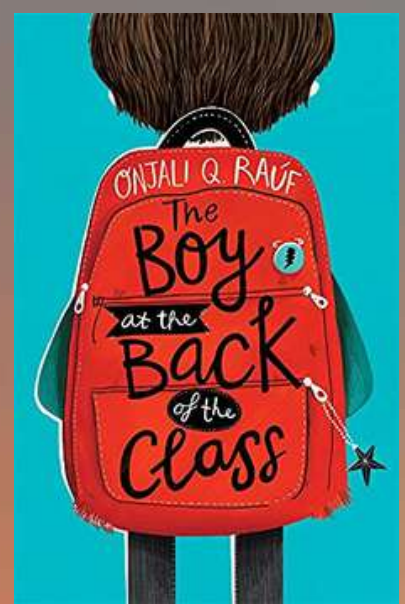
DESCRIPTION: Five years ago, a schoolgirl named Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend Sal Singh. This ruthless murder that killed a young and innocent soul inflicted everyone with grief. Everyone in the small town knows it, including the Police, and believe in their heart that Sal was the murderer.



GENRE: Science Fiction

AGE RATING: 12 and Up

DESCRIPTION: This book follows Liv Fleming, a high schooler whose biggest worry is performing well in school and maintaining her friendships – that is until her dad goes missing for four days and makes his return by streaking through town, an act that is witnessed by most of Liv's classmates.



GENRE: Fiction

AGE RATING: 9 and Up

DESCRIPTION: When a new boy joins their class, a group of children tries to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups can help him, so the friends devise a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure.



GENRE: Fantasy Fiction

AGE RATING: 13 and Up

DESCRIPTION: The Banished Prince has returned to seize power, his rise to the dragon throne aided by the mass poisonings that have kept the people bound in fear and distrust. Ning, a young but powerful shénnóng-shi—a wielder of magic using the ancient and delicate art of tea-making—has escorted Princess Zhen into exile.



Feel
Good
Food!

Breakfast Delights

Classic Waffles

Prep: 5 mins

Serves 6

Cook: 20 mins

kcal: 267

Ingredients

1 egg
225g self-raising flour
1 tbsp golden caster sugar (optional)
250ml milk
50g butter, melted and cooled
½ tsp vanilla extract (optional)
1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil
maple syrup and icing sugar, to serve (optional)



Method

1

Crack the egg (for fluffier waffles, use only the yolk at this stage) into a large bowl, then tip in the flour and a generous pinch of salt. Add the sugar, if using, then gradually whisk in the milk followed by the melted butter until smooth. Whisk in the vanilla, if using. If you've chosen to make fluffier waffles, whisk the egg white to soft peaks, then gently fold this into the batter. Alternatively, make the batter by blitzing all the ingredients together using a *blender* or *hand blender*. Can be made 1-2 hrs ahead and chilled.

2

Heat a *waffle maker* following the manufacturer's instructions, brush with a little of the oil, then ladle in enough batter to just cover the surface. Cook following the manufacturer's instructions (usually 5-6 mins) until the waffles are golden brown and crisp. Serve immediately or keep warm in a low oven while you make the rest. Drizzle with maple syrup or sprinkle with icing sugar, if you like.

Healthy pasta

Creamy mushroom & spinach pasta

Prep: 5 mins

Serves 2

Cook: 20 mins

kcal: 491

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 150g baby mushrooms, halved
- 150g tagliatelle
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 200g low-fat crème fraîche
- 15g parmesan or vegetarian alternative, grated
- 120g baby spinach
- ½ tsp chilli flakes (optional)



Method

1

Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over a medium heat and fry the onion and mushrooms for 10 mins, or until softened and browned slightly. Meanwhile, cook the pasta following pack instructions.

2

Add the garlic to the pan with the mushrooms and cook for 2 mins more. Tip in the crème fraîche and parmesan, stir to combine, then add the baby spinach. Set aside.

3

Remove the pasta from the heat and drain, reserving 25ml of the water. Toss the pasta in the creamy mushroom sauce, put back on the heat and cook over a low heat until the spinach wilts, about 5 mins. Pour in enough of the reserved water to loosen slightly. Season with black pepper and finish with a sprinkle of chilli flakes, if you like.

Refreshing Drinks

Watermelon Lemonade



Prep: 10 mins Serves 6

Total time: 2 hr 10 min kcal: 212

Ingredients

6 c. watermelon chunks,
plus wedges for serving
3/4 c. granulated sugar,
divided
1/2 c. fresh lemon juice,
plus wedges for serving

Method

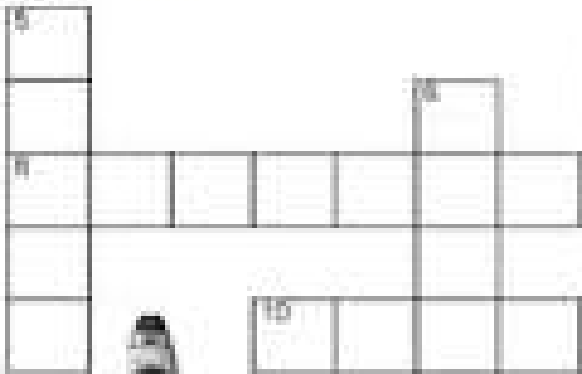
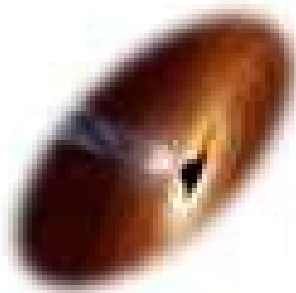
1 In a blender, combine the watermelon, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the sugar, and lemon juice. Blend until the watermelon is smooth and the sugar is dissolved. Blend to combine. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 2 hours.

2 Place the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of sugar on a small plate. Rim glasses with a lemon wedge and dip in sugar. Set aside. Fill glasses with ice and pour chilled watermelon lemonade over top. Garnish with a lemon round and watermelon wedge.

GAMES AND RIDDLES!



PUZZLE



Across

Down

1) A huge cloud of gas and dust

2) An invisible object with such powerful gravitational force that not even light can escape its surface

3) A large collection of galaxies

3) The 8th planet from the Sun

4) The 1st planet from the Sun

5) Dust particles frozen in ice that orbit the Sun

5) A small collection of galaxies

6) A newly formed star

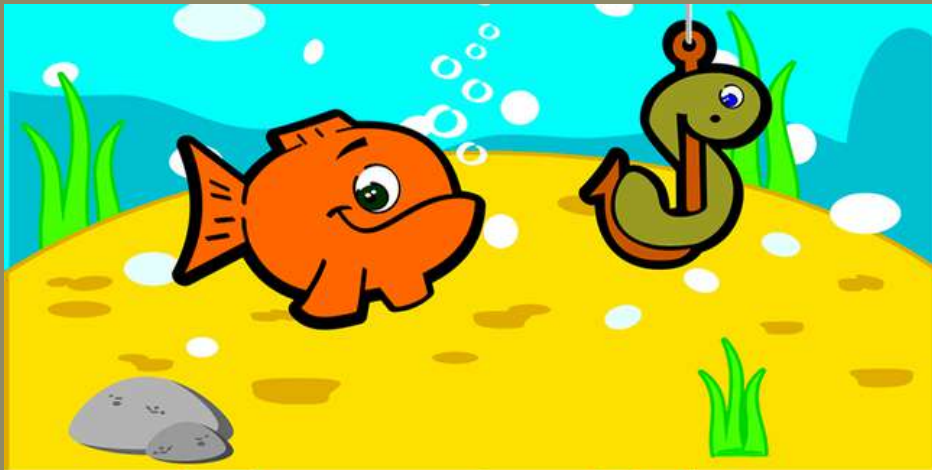
6) A stony or metallic object that has fallen to Earth from outer space

7) The path of an object as it revolves around another object in space

7) Name of star that is located closest to Earth

8) A number of stars and the solar systems around them grouped together

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE:



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